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Just fyi:

Concerns Over Proposed Villages at Vigneto in Arizona: We sent comments to the Army Corps regarding their Public Notice to re-evaluate Phase 1 of the proposed Villages at Vigneto located in Benson. Formerly known as Whetstone Ranch, the master plan project was authorized to fill 51 acres of ephemeral tributaries to the San Pedro River in 2006. A new owner and applicant proposes expanding the 8,212-acre project to 12,339 acres, and we are concerned that the Army Corps is only considering impacts to waters within the original footprint (Phase 1). Local environmental groups are opposed to the project based on concerns over declining groundwater levels and potential impacts to the federally listed yellow-billed cuckoo. The Army Corps will consider adding special conditions to the original 404 permit based on the outcome of their re-evaluation. (Goldmann, x23398)

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